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BEWARE, GENTLE READER.. BEYOND THAT DOOR LIES SHOCKING ADVENTURES IN CHILLS AND SHIVERS..FOR IT IS SAID THAT GHOSTS ARE STALKING THOSE DARK, DANK HALLS!
INTRODUCING MR. BONES
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I AM MR. BONES, THE BUTLER OF GHOST MANOR! STEP INSIDE, WON'T YOU.. LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT THE ORIGIN OF GHOST MANOR...
YES.. THIS WAY!
DON'T BREAK THAT COBWEB.. MY LITTLE PETS GO TO SUCH PAINS TO BUILD THEM!
NOW THAT YOU'RE COMFORTABLE.. I WILL TELL YOU THE SECRET OF GHOST MANOR!
THERE'S A NICE CHAIR IN HERE..
OPPS!
EEEEK!
GHOST MANOR
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CONSTRUCTION OF GHOST MANOR WAS BEGUN IN 1833 AT THE ORDERS OF FARNHAM FARR, A WEALTHY YOUNG ARISTOCRAT WHO BOASTED THAT HE ALWAYS GOT WHAT HE WENT AFTER! IN THIS CASE, HIS GOAL WAS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRL IN THE WORLD! THERE WAS ONLY ONE THING WRONG..THE GIRL, AGATHA BROWN, DETESTED FARNHAM FARR..
WHY DO YOU PERSIST IN TAKING ME HERE, MR. FARR? I WILL NEVER MARRY YOU! I TOLERATE YOU ONLY BECAUSE FATHER IS IN YOUR DEBT AND..
EXACTLY! AND I WILL HAVE HIM IN DEBTOR'S GAOL BEFORE SUN-DOWN IF YOU INCUR MY DISPLEASURE!
WHO'S STAYING IN THE SECRET ROOM?
I HATE THAT MAN!
I'LL OWN THAT WOMAN!
EXCUSE ME ONE MOMENT, MY DEAR! I MUST SPEAK TO THE MASTER CARPENTER!
YOU ARE OBSERVING THE PRECAUTIONS I ORDERED, CARL? I DO NOT WANT THE WORKMEN TO KNOW OF THE SECRET ROOM OR THE OTHER FEATURES OF FARR MANSION...
I'LL HANDLE THE WORK MYSELF, MR. FARR...
YOU WILL BE THE ONLY LIVING MAN BESIDES ME WHO KNOWS THE SECRETS OF FARR MANSION..AND YOU WON'T LIVE LONG!

FARNHAM..YOU KNOW THAT I LOVE EDWARD MILLER..I WON'T MARRY YOU IN JUNE OR EVER!
MILLER? THAT PAUPER CAN NEVER OFFER YOU HALF THE THINGS YOU'LL HAVE AS MY WIFE!
HE'LL GIVE ME TRUE LOVE, MR. FARR... SOMETHING YOU'LL NEVER OFFER ANY WOMAN!
FARNHAM LAUGHED AT AGATHA BROWN.. HE WAS CERTAIN SHE'D MARRY HIM! HE HAD REASONS FOR THINKING SO....
BRING IN THE ACCOUNT OF EBENEZER BROWN!
YES SIR!
CALL IN THE LOAN OF EBENEZER BROWN! BEGIN FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS ON THE BROWN HOME!
SEND FOR POLICE CHIEF CROWTHER IMMEDIATELY!
IF YOU WANT YOUR INVALID WIFE TO RECEIVE THE TREATMENT SHE REQUIRES, YOU WILL SWEAR THAT YOU SAW EDWARD MILLER LEAVING THE PREMISES LATE LAST NIGHT CARRYING A CARPET-BAG!
BUT...MR. FARR..I.. YES, MR. FARR... WHATEVER YOU SAY!

AS YOU MUST PERCEIVE BY NOW, FARNHAM HAD A MOST REPREHENSIBLE CHARACTER! HE STOPPED AT NOTHING TO GET HIS WAY!
..AND I SAW THAT IT WAS EDWARD MILLER LEAVING BY THE REAR DOOR OF THE BANK! I FOUND THE DOOR HAD BEEN BROKEN OPEN!
$8,000 IN SMALL BILLS IS MISSING, CHIEF! I DEMAND ACTION!

ARMED WITH A SEARCH WARRANT, CHIEF CROWTHER SEARCHED EDWARD MILLER'S SHABBY LITTLE ROOM AND FOUND...

HERE IT IS, MR. FARR.. JUST AS YOU SUSPECTED! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST... FOR BANK ROBBERY, MILLER!
AGATHA WARNED ME TO BEWARE OF YOU, FARR ..I DIDN'T STEAL THAT MONEY!

THEN, LATER THE SAME DAY, FARNHAM FARR CALLED UPON LOVELY AGATHA BROWN...

GOOD EVENING, MISS AGATHA! I TRUST YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE WELL AND HAPPY TONIGHT!
YOU'RE A MONSTER, MR. FARR! EDWARD MILLER WOULD NEVER STEAL! YOU'RE DESTROYING HIM AND RUINING MY FAMILY!

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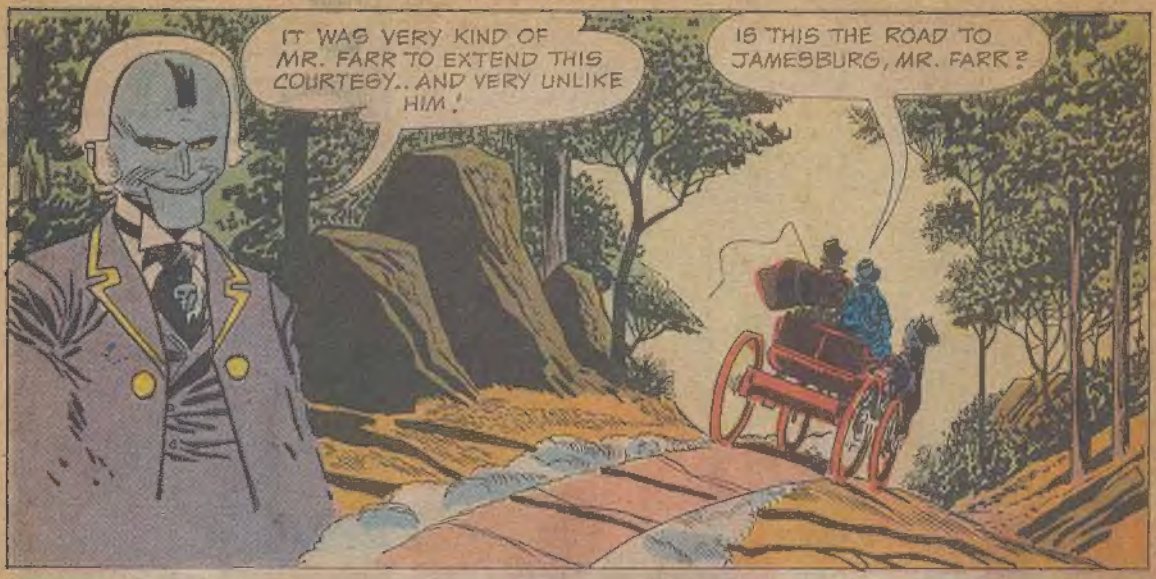
SHE DOESN'T MEAN WHAT SHE'S SAYING, MR. FARR! THE POOR GIRL IS SO FLATTERED BY YOUR ATTENTIONS SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT SHE'S SAYING!
I'M A PATIENT MAN, BROWN .. BUT IF HER INSULTING BEHAVIOR CONTINUES I...
USE YOUR HEAD, YOU FOOLISH GIRL! MR. FARR CAN TAKE AWAY EVERYTHING I'VE SLAVED FOR...
BU.. B.. BUT I..I LOVE EDWARD MILLER...
THE POOR GIRL, BADGERED AND BULLIED ON ALL SIDES, FINALLY AGREED TO MARRY FARNHAM FARR...
WE'LL BE MARRIED IN JUNE... THE CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE IN FARR MANOR! IT WILL BE COMPLETED JUST IN TIME...
WHATEVER YOU SAY, MR. FARR!

NOW, FARR MANOR WAS NEARING COMPLETION! THE MASTER CARPENTER, CARL JONES, HAD A LOT OF WORK THAT HE DID HIMSELF...
IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE DOOR TO MY SECRET ROOM BE ABSOLUTELY INVISIBLE TO EVERYONE BUT ME, CARL!
I DEFY ANYONE TO FIND IT!
I KNOW IT'S HERE AND I CAN'T FIND IT, CARL! YOU'VE DONE A TRULY MASTERFUL JOB! NOW.. SHOW IT TO ME!
THIS ONE!
JUST PUSH THIS!
THIS ROOM IS SOUNDPROOF! HERE I CAN DO AS I PLEASE..AND IN THAT SAFE ARE MY MOST IMPORTANT PAPERS!
MY PART OF THE WORK IS FINISHED, MR. FARR! IF YOU'LL PAY ME..I'LL RETURN TO PHILADELPHIA! I'VE BEEN LONELY HERE WHILE I DID THIS WORK FOR YOU!
SPLENDID JOB, CARL! I'LL PAY YOU A GENEROUS BONUS..AND I'LL PERSONALLY DRIVE YOU OVER TO JAMESBURG TO GET THE STAGECOACH!



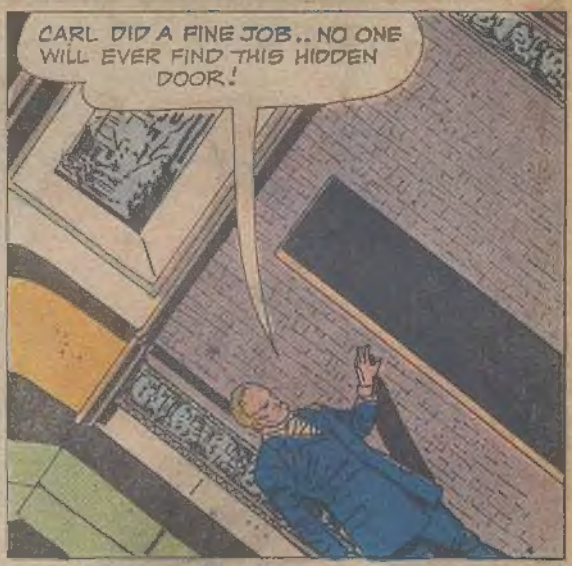
NOW IT WAS THE WEDDING DAY... SEEMINGLY, FARNHAM FARR WAS LIVING PROOF THAT CRIME DOES PAY AND MURDER DOESN'T ALWAYS GET FOUND OUT! I CAN TELL YOU WHAT HAPPENED THAT DAY BECAUSE...

AND, NOW.. THE ORGAN BEGAN THE SONOROUS THEME OF THE WEDDING MARCH.. BUT AGATHA BROWN WASN'T QUITE READY....

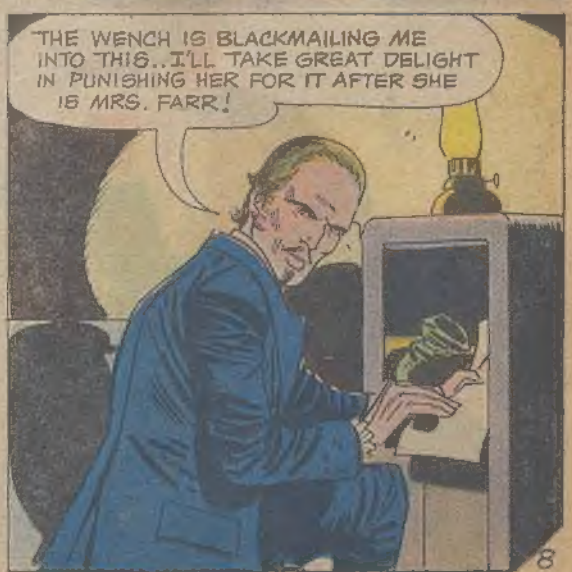
I DON'T CARE! TELL MR. FARR I WILL NOT MARRY HIM UNTIL MY FATHER RECEIVES HIS NOTE AND MORTGAGE STAMPED... 'PAID IN FULL!'
I'LL TELL HIM!

..IN FULL, SHE SAID!
SHE'LL PAY FOR THIS AFTER SHE'S MY WIFE!
VERY WELL..I'LL GET THE DOCUMENTS!

MR. FARR..I PROTEST THIS DELAY! ALLOW ME TO HAVE A WORD WITH...
WAIT OUTSIDE.. YOU POMPOUS IDIOT!

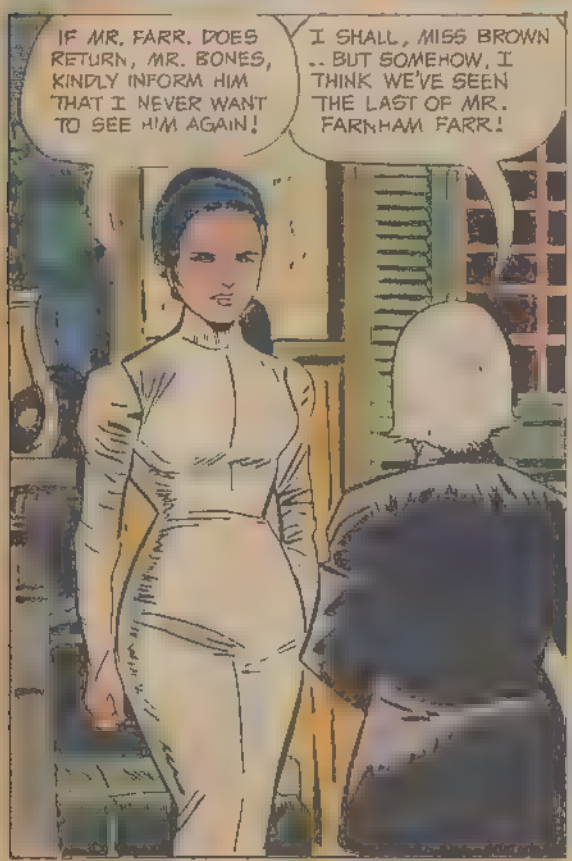

CARL DID A FINE JOB..NO ONE WILL EVER FIND THIS HIDDEN DOOR!

BEAUTIFUL! IT WILL TAKE ME A MOMENT TO GET THE MORTGAGE ON BROWN'S HOUSE AND HIS PROMISSORY NOTE!


THE WENCH IS BLACKMAILING ME INTO THIS..I'LL TAKE GREAT DELIGHT IN PUNISHING HER FOR IT AFTER SHE IS MRS. FARR!

HERE IS THE ..
WHAT WAS THAT ?
FARNHAM FARR WHIRLED AROUND..AND SAW THAT THE HIDDEN DOOR HAD CLOSED... NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT...
FOR A MOMENT I FELT THAT SOMEONE HAD FOLLOWED ME IN HERE...
SOMEONE DID FOLLOW YOU, FARNHAM FARR!
THAT VOICE! IT...
NO. NO.. I CAN'T BE.. I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE...
IT CAN'T BE AMY FARR...
THE DOOR! WHERE IS THE DOOR ?
TURN AROUND... LOOK AT ME.

THIS MUST BE A..A DREAM! I'M HAVING A DREAM..A NIGHTMARE! I'LL AWAKEN AND...
THIS NIGHTMARE WILL NEVER END FOR YOU, FARNHAM FARR! YOU'LL SPEND THE REST OF YOUR LIFE IN THIS SECRET ROOM.


IF MR. FARR. DOES RETURN, MR. BONES, KINDLY INFORM HIM THAT I NEVER WANT TO SEE HIM AGAIN!
I SHALL, MISS BROWN .. BUT SOMEHOW, I THINK WE'VE SEEN THE LAST OF MR. FARNHAM FARR!

HE'S IN THE SECRET ROOM STILL, YOU SEE.. IN THAT SOUNDPROOF ROOM WHERE HIS SCREAMS WERE NEVER HEARD.. IN THERE WITH ONLY THE GHOST OF CARL JONES TO KEEP HIM COMPANY! IF YOU WALK BY GHOST MANOR (FOLKS CALL IT THAT NOW FOR OBVIOUS REASONS) LATE AT NIGHT NOW YOU MAY HEAR MR. FARR SCREAM!

THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS

THE LETTER TO CONSTANCE TRENT CAME AFTER SHE'D TAKEN HER MAIL FROM THE MAILBOX IN THE LOBBY OF HER APARTMENT HOUSE AND BEFORE THE NEXT MAIL WAS DELIVERED. IT HAD A STRANGE ODOR AND A SPIDERY HANDWRITING FRIGHTENED HER FOR A MOMENT BUT THE CONTENTS OF THE NOTE WERE WELCOME INDEED! DON'T YOU STEP INSIDE CHILDREN I AM DR BONES, THE BUTLER, AT GHOST MANOR I WILL RELATE THE EERIE TALE OF CONSTANCE TRENT IF YOU HAVE THE COURAGE TO LISTEN!

THERE IS MISS TRENT...YOU SEE, SHE IS JUST READING THE LETTER NOW! LITTLE DOES SHE KNOW THE EVIL FATE AWAITING HER IF SHE ACCEPTS THE INVITATION IT CONTAINS!

HOW SWEET.. COUSIN HORTENSE IS INVITING ME TO SPEND THE HOLIDAY WEEK-END AT TRENT MANOR...THAT'S THE MASSACHUSETTS BRANCH OF THE FAMILY!
DRIVING NORTH TO MASSACHUSETTS CONSTANCE TRENT WAS A HAPPY YOUNG WOMAN.
I D.DN'T KNOW I HAD A COUS N NAMED HORTENSE
EXCUSE ME.. BUT CAN YOU DIRECT ME TO THE TRENT HOUSE?
IT'S THE LARGEST ONE TWO DOORS FROM MY CHURCH
I AM DR ALAN CRAWNS FOR GIVE ME DO YOU PERSONALLY KNOW THE PRESENT OCCUPANT OF TRENT MANOR?
NOT REALLY DR CRAWNS I'M CONSTANCE TRENT HORTENSE TRENT IS A DISTANT COUSIN AND HAS INVITED ME FOR THE WEEK-END!
I AM THE MINISTER OF THAT CHURCH, MISS TRENT! FEEL FREE TO SUMMON ME SHOULD YOU REQUIRE ASSISTANCE AT ANY HOUR OF THE DAY OR NIGHT!
THEN, CONSTANCE WAS TURNING INTO THE CARRIAGE DRIVE OF TRENT MANOR
THE PLACE LOOKS EMPTY, SORT OF LIFELESS!

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I ASSURE YOU, COUSIN CONSTANCE, THERE IS LIFE IN TRENT MANOR!
OH! OH, COUSIN HORTENSE...I DIDN'T SEE YOU STANDING THERE!
I'VE BEEN SO PLEASED AT HEARING FROM YOU, HORTENSE! ER...HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT ME?
FAMILY RECORDS, CONSTANCE...
THE DOOR SWUNG OPEN, HORTENSE! IS ANYONE INSIDE?
IT MUST'VE BEEN AJAR, CONSTANCE...THESE OLD HOUSES ARE ALWAYS MAKING STRANGE NOISES WITH WINDOWS FALLING SHUT AND DOORS SLAMMING!
CONSTANCE THIS IS ENOCH CLOYES AND MRS PETRY MY VERY GOOD FRIENDS!
HOW DO YOU DO, MR. CLOYES AND MRS. PETRY?
HOW DO YOU DO, CONSTANCE! HORTENSE, SHE IS AS LOVELY AS YOU SAID!
MY, MY WHAT AN EXCELLENT SELECTION!

YOU'LL MEET ENOCH AND CLARISSA AGAIN CONSTANCE! NOW, I THINK YOU'D LIKE TO REST AFTER YOUR LONG DRIVE!
I JUST NOTICED, HORTENSE. YOU'VE GOT LAMPS INSTEAD OF ELECTRIC LIGHTS!
THERE ARE NO MODERN CONVENIENCES IN TRENT MANOR CONSTANCE! NO LIGHTS OR TELEPHONE OR ANYTHING ELSE DEVELOPED AFTER 1750!
NOW CONSTANCE TRENT WAS ALONE HEH HEH HEH. AT LEAST, SHE, THOUGHT SHE WAS ALONE
I THOUGHT TRENT MANOR WOULD BE DIFFERENT... THIS PLACE IS LIKE A MAUSOLEUM!
SHE'S FRIGHTENED HORTENSE HAD BETTER HURRY OR SHE'LL LOSE HER OPPORTUNITY!
I HEARD A DOOR SLAM, AND VOICES! COUSIN HORTENSE WAS RIGHT THIS HOUSE IS FULL OF STRANGE NOISES!
ELEVEN O'CLOCK AND ALL'S WELL!
HOW QUAINT THAT'S THE TOWN WATCHMAN MAKING ROUNDS!
WATCHMAN? NOT IN THIS DAY AND AGE!

NOW AS THEY SAY THE PLOT THICKENED! CONSTANCE TRENT REACHED FOR HER ROBE.
THERE ARE VOICES DOWNSTAIRS! IT'S ODD HORTENSE DIDN'T INVITE ME TO JOIN HER COMPANY!
WHAT WAS TH. A BAT! SO CLOSE MY CANDLE BLEW OUT!
I ALMOST SCREAMED BUT I DIDN'T WANT THEM TO HEAR ME!
FORCES OF DARKNESS, ATTEND US NOW! WE INVOKE THY AID IN SISTER HORTENSE'S QUEST FOR A NEW IDENTITY! THE WOMAN UPSTAIRS WILL BECOME THE FLESH AND BLOOD OF SISTER HORTENSE!
LET'S GET ON WITH THE INCANTATION ENOCH
SIVA, LORD OF DARKNESS, HERE THIS WITCHES' COVEN, HEED OUR WORDS!
THEY'RE ALL WITCHES! HORTENSE, ENOCH, AND MRS PETRY! TH-THEY BROUGHT ME HERE FOR SOME EVIL PURPOSE!

OH, NO!
SHE'S UP THERE SEIZE HER NOW!
THEY'RE AFTER ME!
HEH HEH HEH! YOU CANNOT ESCAPE US, WOMAN! WE ARE ALL POWERFUL IN THIS PLACE!
I EXHORT THEE, SVA REMOVE CONSTANCE TRENT FROM THIS FLESH SO THAT SISTER HORTENSE CAN ASSUME HER MANTLE!
I MUST PLACE THE BOARDS QUICKLY..BEFORE THE MOON COMES FROM BEHIND THE CLOUDS!
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NOW, SIVA!
HELP ME.. PLEASE HELP ME..
WHAT WAS HAPPENING UP THERE...AT THE BIG SKYLIGHT SET IN THE ROOF? IT WAS THE REVEREND DR. CRIMMINS...SETTING TWO BOARDS 'ROSS WAYS ON THE SKYLIGHT JUST AS THE MOON CAME OUT
THERE! THAT SHOULD DO IT.
LOOK, OUT HE'S MADE A...
CROSS' F THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS TOUCHES US WE RE
WE ARE DESTROYED BY THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS.
THAT WAS IT! THE THREE WITCHES PERISHED AS THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS DESTROYED THEIR EVIL...
SOB! T IT WAS HORRIBLE, DR. CRIMMINS! SHE BROUGHT ME HERE JUST TO... TO...
I KNOW, MY DEAR! I'VE LONG SUSPECTED WHAT THEY WERE... AND I WAS WATCHING TONIGHT TO KEEP THEM FROM HARMING YOU!
T ISN T ALL BAD CONSTANCE.. TH HOUSE IS LEGALLY YOURS.. AND SHE DID BRING US TOGETHER!
THAT'S TRUE DR CRIMMINS YOU...YOU AREN'T MARRIED, ARE YOU?
END

THE RISE OF THE MUMMY

"Nonsense," said John Gardner to his brother.
they think it would real

2,000 B.C. He was know
"Sun Ruler"; the "Spirit King";
Eternal One" No army could stand
his magnificent fighting forc
anies of his empire there was

also killed. And there was the usual im
over his chamber of death: "He who distu
in my rest shall pay for it in eternity wi
life." That sort of means that the one
to go for this mummy and the valuables
with it - shall suffer something terrible
the years to come

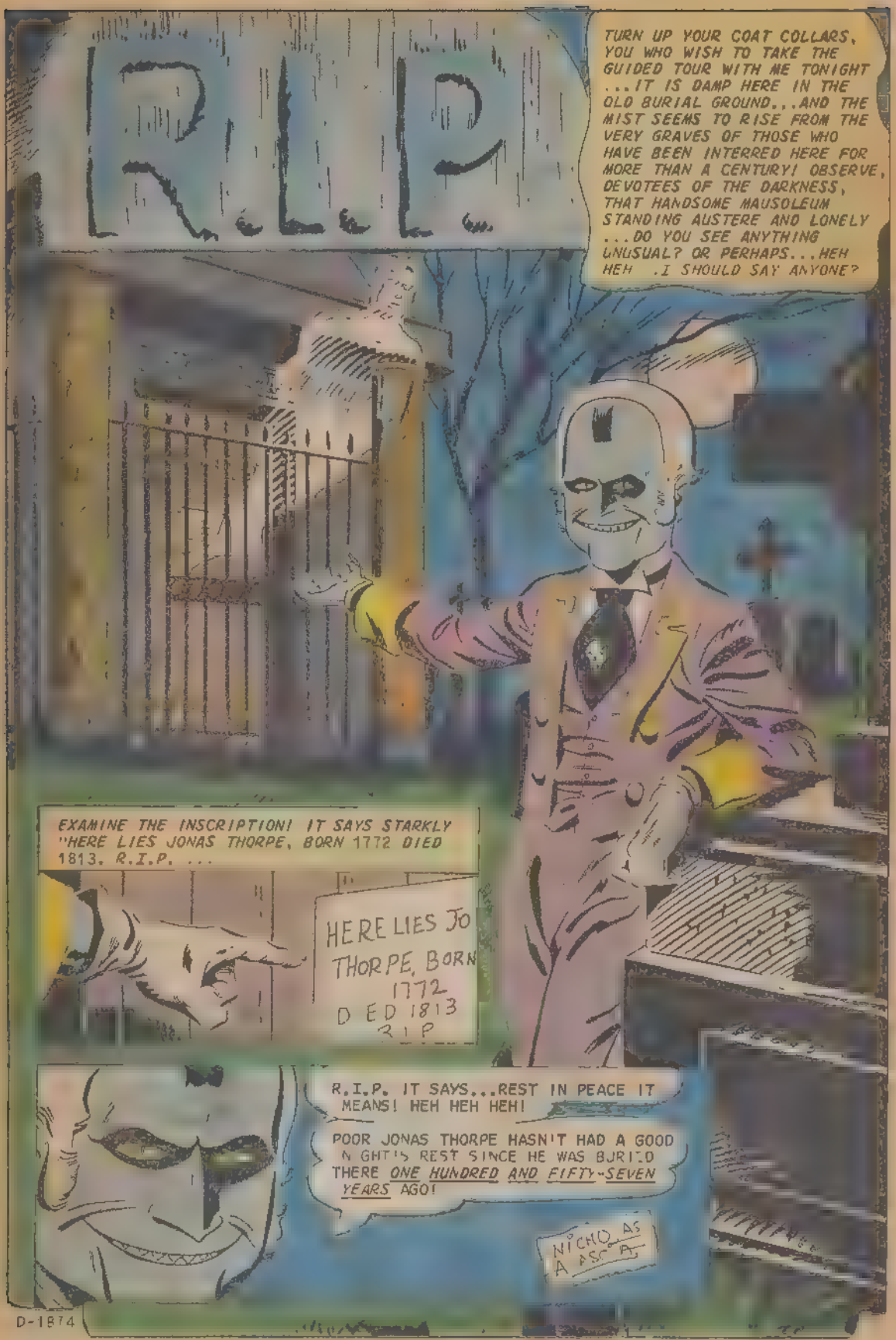
kytus, I do not
at once. Otherwise

houted William

But what those many people do not
is the true fact - that when they look at th
mummy of Skytis II - it isn't him at all!
free now to tell what happened on the
tion of John and William Gardn
wealthy brothers, and wanted to
for themselves So not only did they
expedition to search for the lost tom
II - they were in charge of it

At that time I was an unknown photograph
George Miller. But my services were needed for
that expedition. My father had been a mission-
ary who lived for many years in that area. And
I spoke the language and knew the customs
of the people You might add also that I r
pected what you can call their superstitions
So that accounts for my connection with the
expedition. They received consent from the govern-
ment to go ahead. Using the Donner m
they were finally able to pinpoint the
tion of the burial chamber.

I can remember clearly how excited the brothers
were when they and their native diggers finall
cleared away the sand and stone from the en
trance to the burial chamber. And you could see
the warning inscription carved into the stone


R.I.P.
TURN UP YOUR COAT COLLARS, YOU WHO WISH TO TAKE THE GUIDED TOUR WITH ME TONIGHT ...IT IS DAMP HERE IN THE OLD BURIAL GROUND...AND THE MIST SEEMS TO RISE FROM THE VERY GRAVES OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN INTERRED HERE FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY! OBSERVE, DEVOTEES OF THE DARKNESS, THAT HANDSOME MAUSOLEUM STANDING AUSTERE AND LONELY ...DO YOU SEE ANYTHING UNUSUAL? OR PERHAPS...HEH HEH .I SHOULD SAY ANYONE?
EXAMINE THE INSCRIPTION! IT SAYS STARKLY "HERE LIES JONAS THORPE, BORN 1772 DIED 1813. R.I.P. ...
HERE LIES JO THORPE, BORN 1772 D ED 1813 R I P
R.I.P. IT SAYS...REST IN PEACE IT MEANS! HEH HEH HEH!
POOR JONAS THORPE HASN'T HAD A GOOD N GHT'S REST SINCE HE WAS BURIED THERE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVEN YEARS AGO!
NICHOLAS ASCA

D-1874

BACK AROUND 1810, JONAS THORPE WAS THE RICHEST MAN IN THIS TOWN! RICH ENOUGH TO BUY ANYTHING HE WANTED...
THERE HE GOES...THE RICHEST MAN IN TOWN...AND THE MEANEST!
A POX ON YE, JONAS THORPE! YE RUINED MY HUSBAND, TOOK OUR HOME AND TURNED US INTO THE STREETS!
THIS FOR YE, THORPE!
I SAW WHO THREW IT!
LOCK HIM UP, CONSTABLE! I'LL SEE HIM BEHIND BARS!
LEMME GO! I ONLY DID WHAT ANYONE IN TOWN WANTS TO DO!
JONAS THORPE ALMOST HAD THE POWER OF LIFE AND DEATH OVER HIS FELLOW MEN... BUT NOT OVER HIMSELF!
ENOUGH NONSENSE, YOU QUACK! GIVE ME SOME PILLS FOR THIS PAIN IN MY CHEST!
PILLS WON'T HELP YOU, JONAS!

YOUR HEART WILL GIVE OUT ONE DAY SOON, JONAS THORPE! MAKE YOUR PEACE WITH GOD, THAT'S ALL I CAN DO FOR YOU!
YOU INCOMPETENT BUNGLER!
I'LL HAVE YOU RUN OUT OF TOWN, YOU IDIOT!
YOU'RE A CRUEL MAN, JONAS THORPE...SOON YOU'LL BE A DEAD ONE!
JONAS THORPE VISITED SPECIALISTS AS FAR AWAY AS NEW YORK CITY...
I ADVISE YOU TO LIMIT YOUR ACTIVITIES, MR. THORPE, AND RETURN TO YOUR HOME!
I SHOULDN'T PLAN TOO FAR AHEAD, MR. THORPE!
HEH HEH HEH. JONAS THORPE KNEW WHAT THAT MEANT, ALL RIGHT!
I'VE TRIED THE BEST DOCTORS... IF MEDICAL SCIENCE CAN'T HELP ME...
MMM...I'LL GO TO DAME SILLER! PERHAPS HER KIND OF MEDICINE WILL BE MORE EFFECTIVE!

DAME SILLER...A FEARED WOMAN WHO REPUTEDLY WAS A WITCH!
COME IN, JONAS THORPE!
KNOCK KNOCK
HOW DID YOU KNOW MY NAME, OLD WOMAN! WHAT I WANT IS...
I KNOW WHAT YOU WANT, JONAS! SET YE THERE!
COME CLOSER, JONAS...LOOK INTO MY EYES...
SINCE YOU FIND MY APPEARANCE REPULSIVE, I...
...SHALL ASSUME A DIFFERENT APPEARANCE FOR YOU, JONAS! NOW...YOU CANNOT ACCEPT THE IMMINENCE OF DEATH! THIS IS WHY YOU ARE HERE, IS IT NOT?
YES, YES...I'LL PAY ANYTHING... BUT I WISH TO GO ON LIVING!
YOU'LL NEVER DIE, JONAS THORPE!
DAME SILLER IN HER NEW FORM SPOKE IN A STRANGE TONGUE...AND SPRINKLED PHILTRES ON THE SMOKING INCENSE! FOR A TIME, JONAS THORPE WAS IN A DISTANT PLACE...

WEAR THIS, JONAS THORPE...WHILE YOU DO, DEATH CAN NEVER CLAIM YOU!
EXCELLENT! THIS IS WHAT I REQUIRED!
THERE IS ONE MORE THING, JONAS THORPE! YOU HAVE NOT PAID ME! I WILL BE GENEROUS WITH YOU! GIVE ME ONLY HALF OF ALL YOU OWN!
YOU OLD FOOL...I HAVE THE RING... I DON'T NEED YOU ANY MORE!
SO, EVEN FOR IMMORTALITY, JONAS THORPE CHEATED AND LIED! AND HE LIVED ON WITH HIS BAD HEART UNTIL ONE NIGHT IN 1813....
YOU'RE DYING, JONAS... IS THERE ANY LAST REQUEST YOU WISH TO MAKE?
YES...MY RING.. I MUST HAVE MY RING!
Y-YOU HAVE...*GASP*... MY RING, LEWIS! RETURN... URRKKK
WHICH RING DOES HE MEAN, LEWIS? IT SEEMS TO BE VERY IMPORTANT TO YOUR MASTER!
I WOULD NO MORE CONSIDER APPROPRIATING THE MASTER'S RING THAN HE WOULD CONSIDER CHEATING ME OF MY STIPEND, DOCTOR!
JONAS THORPE HAS REPEATEDLY CHEATED ME AND EVERYONE ELSE ...NOW, AT LAST, I'VE HAD MY REVENGE!
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IN HIS WILL, JONAS THORPE HAD SPECIFIED THE DETAILS OF HIS BURIAL! A FINE OAK CASKET...ENCASED IN A STEEL CONTAINER!
THE FOOL...HE DIDN'T REMEMBER TO WEAR THE RING!

AND HE WAS BURIED IN THE MARBLE MAUSOLEUM IN THE BURIAL GROUND...
SO MUCH FOR THE GYPSY'S PROMISE...HE'S DEAD NOW, SAFELY TUCKED INSIDE AN OAKEN CASKET, STEEL-COVERED, LOCKED IN A MARBLE CRYPT! NOT MUCH FUTURE THERE, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?

BUT HE ISN'T COMPLETELY DEAD, YOU SEE! THERE IS JONAS THORPE...ALL THAT'S LEFT OF HIM...WANDERING IN THE NIGHT...

...NOT DEAD BUT DEFINITELY NOT ALIVE! HE HAD INSCRIBED REST IN PEACE ON HIS CRYPT BUT...

...MEN LIKE JONAS THORPE CAN NEVER TRULY REST! THEIR EVIL OFTEN LINGERS AFTER THEM... AND DOOMS THEM TO ETERNAL UNREST!
END

HAUNTED
GHOSTLY
TALES
FROM THE HAUNTED HOUSE
THE MANY GHOSTS of DOCTOR GRAVES
VISIT GHOST MANOR ...IF YOU DARE!!
GHOSTLY HAUNTS
the GREAT ONE!
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